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Empire Day Celebration

FRIDAY, MAY 21st, 1915

In view of the approaching celebration of Empire Day, the Minister announces to Teachers and Boards of Trustees throughout the Province that it is his desire that for the present year the school exercises on this day should deal with the events which led up to the present European war and which have thus far marked its progress.

On this day the children should feel a sense of the lofty ideals which have in the past, as in the present, inspired the British nation and have given not only the people who dwell beneath the British flag, but the other nations of the earth as well, the highest form of freedom and the most advanced degree of civilization. The children should also realize at what sacrifices our forefathers have won for us this priceless heritage and should be led to appreciate the sacrifices which are being made to-day by the people of Canada to confirm and extend these conceptions of the liberties of nations and of the rights of man. Not less should they be made to understand the disregard of every principle of justice, of every dictate of humanity, of every convention recognized among civilized nations, with which Germany and her allies are conducting their present brutal and futile struggle for Prussian aggrandizement. The following books will supply the material required:

The Children's Story of the War. Thomas Nelson and Sons, Toronto. In monthly parts; 8c. each.

Despatches between the British Government and Ambassadors, with speeches delivered in the Imperial House of Commons in August, 1914. A copy of this pamphlet has been sent to every School Board.

The War: Its Causes and Its Methods. . . . Speeches delivered by the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith. The Musson Book Company, Toronto, will supply copies of this pamphlet of 40 pages for free distribution.

The Great War: Speech delivered by David Lloyd George at the Queen's Hall, London. Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd., Toronto, will supply copies of this pamphlet of 16 pages for free distribution.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
Toronto, May 10th, 1915.